

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE-MARAK
St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

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The Sacraments

Baptism: Saturday after Mass. Please contact the pastor for scheduling a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St Joseph, Cyclone or Sts Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

JANUARY 10, 2021 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.” John 1:32,34

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God’s plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the magi, have been made “co-heirs” to the blessings promised to Israel. This week, we’re shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn’t submit to John’s baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan’s waters in order to lead a new “exodus”—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see [Genesis 22:2](#); [Exodus 4:22](#); [Psalm 2:7](#)). Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today’s First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him “a covenant of the people,” the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today’s Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, “anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power.”

The word Messiah means “one anointed” with God’s Spirit. King David was “the anointed of the God of Jacob” (see [2 Samuel 23:1–17](#); [Psalm 18:51](#); [132:10](#), [17](#)). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see [Isaiah 11:1–2](#); [Daniel 9:25](#)). That’s why people of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to John. But it isn’t John they’re looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the Angel earlier told Mary—Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see [Luke 1:32–33](#)). In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today’s Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passage—a way to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.



Bulletin Information: [Marak](#): Patsy Gaines (254 482 0570) – [Cyclone](#): Nancy Posvar (254 913 2696)

Bulletin deadline: Please call or send by email all info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

MINISTRIES

Saturday, January 16

Communion: Jackie Green

Lector : Kristen Parker

Altar Servers: Cook & Carpenter Families

Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, January 17

Communion: Ricky Brenek

Lector: REP

Altar Servers: Stumbaugh Family & Chase Pettyjohn

Ushers: REP

MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE

1/10 Sunday 8:15 am: + Royella Roessler by Nelda & Larry Fritz
& Louise Thompson
1/12 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Rosa Pechal by Daniel & Lindsay Gibson
1/14 Thursday 7:00 am: + Michelle Crews by Sindy Greenwood
1/15 Friday 7:00 am: + Robert Dach by Helen & Carson Wallace
1/16 Sat. Vigil 5:30 pm: + Albina Vrazel by M/M Robert Mynarcik
1/17 Sunday 8:15 am: + Evelyn Green by Green Family

MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

1/10 Sunday 10:15 am: M/M Willie Moraw & Robert Moraw by Kay Moraw
AND + Albert Michalka by Arvell & Liz Jungmann
1/13 Wednesday 5:30 pm: + Anton Gaas by Matilda Kocurek AND + Ann Morris by Jane & Johnnie Marek
1/17 Sunday 10:15 am: + Deceased Members of Henry Litzman Sr. & Frank Plachy Families AND + Doris Bruggman by Eileen Schneider

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Leora Hering, Alice Stojanik, Edward Zavodny.
Good health: A. J. Stermer, Darwin Bruggman, Bill Stock, Lawrence Stermer, Patrick Geistman, Viola Dorskocil, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter, Jon Simek, Barbara Eixman.

Sanctuary Light—January 3-16—In memory Marietta & Dionys Brenek by Denise & Rex Cook.

Stewardship—January 3—\$2711 Solemnity of Mary—\$672 Building Fund—\$620 Thank you for your generosity.

REP NEWS

REP classes 6:45—8:00 pm for 2nd—HS. PreK, Kindergarten, and 1st grade dismiss at 7:30 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

January 10—Altar Society Meeting following mass.

January 11—Parish Council meeting—6:00 pm.

January 11—Finance Committee meeting—7:00 pm.

January 17—CYO will be selling breakfast tacos after mass. Please support our youth!

January 19—KC Meeting—7:30 pm.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

THE ALTAR SOCIETY will be publishing a new cookbook. Please put your recipes along with your name and phone number (phone number in case we need to contact you for any recipe clarification) into the drop box in the church entry. DEADLINE FOR RECIPES: FEBRUARY 28, 2021. Contact Linda Machicek at 254-718-2909 or at Linda2909@Live.com for more information.

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAYS 4:00-5:00 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT.